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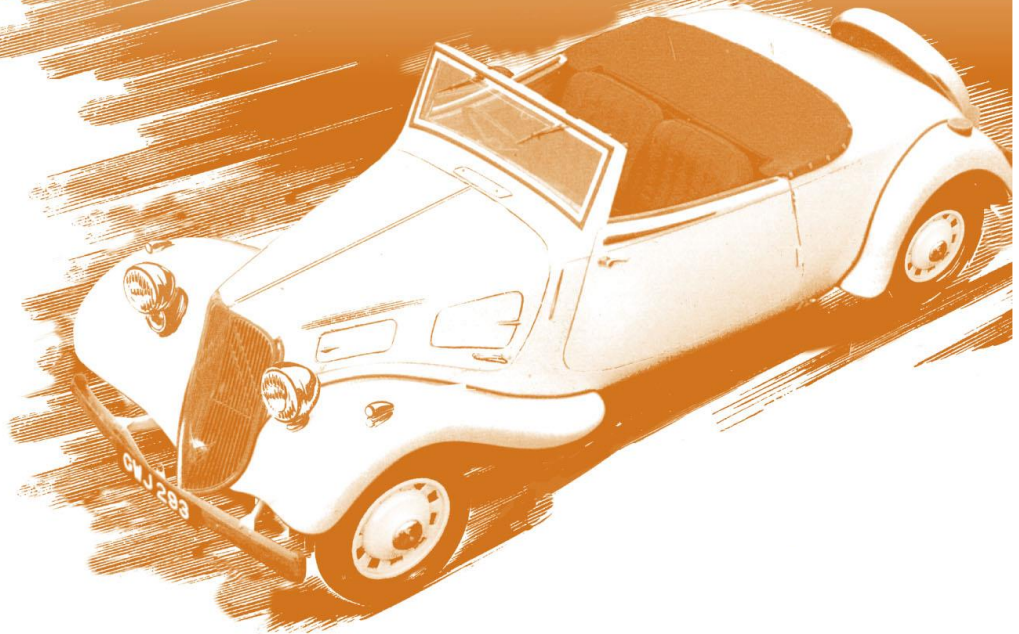
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Discounts: A reminder, to qualify for Club discounts where these are offered, it will be necessary to provide your membership card / name tag, issued for such purposes, to show that you are a current member.

Facebook: The Club has a Facebook page. Look for it and “like” it, to be part of it.

Club’s magazine collection: Magazines from other Clubs are available to be borrowed, but not by just picking them up off the table at Club Night and taking them away. Arrange it through the Librarian, Chris Grove, so he knows where they are.

Coffee & Cars: An informal get together for those interested in cars, Maurice Road entrance of Mt Smart Stadium, the last Sunday of every month from 9am.

Invitation to Renault owners. It is okay to invite Renault-owning friends along as guests to our events; they will be made welcome.

EDITORIAL

By Chris Grove

We are living in challenging Times, facing problems from Covid, inflation, global warming and major wars. Which to try to deal with first? In my opinion the most difficult one is global warming

Just to tackle only one aspect of global warming is how to reduce the world demand for fossil based fuel used for transport. The best option may be to switch from fossil fuel to electric power but this will take a lot of time (which we do not have) to change from our present habits and even then the use of electricity for transport will require many storage batteries which come with their own set of problems.

One suggestion to help solve the problem is to reduce the demand for fossil fuel by re-introducing fuel rationing (we have done this before, remember carless days). This will encourage people to seek alternatives, such as buses, while still allowing some choice in how their fuel allowance is used. It will not be a rapid change and will generate a lot of criticism, but it could be worth a try. The result could be a significant reduction in the use of fossil fuel, leading to a slowing down of global warming.

RECENT EVENTS

Howick 175-year Anniversary Celebrations Pop up Classic Car display. Howick Green, Picton Street.

By Hasita Wimalachandra

As you may know this event takes place every 2nd Sunday throughout this year as part of the Howick's 175-year celebration events. The organisers of this event, the Brit&Euro Classic Car Show Inc, invited us to display our member cars. We had David & Linda Jones with their Ambulance, Kerry Bowman with his Bi-Rotor and Alan Pool with his C6. That said there was only one of our members who did not particularly understand this particular request of displaying Citroens and drove in his non-Citroen Classic!!

*David & Linda Jones' CX
Ambulance on Howick
Green*



BASTILLE DAY DINNER

16 July

By Graham Pilgrim

This year, the Club celebrated Bastille Day with a dinner at Le Bistro des Gourmets in Parnell. A small, “boutique” French restaurant nestled upstairs in a mature Parnell property, it had all the potential for a cosy and congenial get together.



But, for me, it somehow missed the mark.

Attendance estimates of 30 + had fallen significantly to 17, one of whom was John Cooney, the sole representative from the Peugeot Club, and another was Edward McDonald, a guest from the Wellington Citroën Club! I imagine the low attendance was a disappointment to our Chairman, Lawrence, who had put a great deal of time and effort into organising the event.

The evening began with the serving of canapés, the cost of which was met from Club funds, and some patrons chose to compliment the canapés with Champagne, wine, or beer. Dinner consisted of choices from a Set Menu; Terrine de campagne or Rillettes de poisson aux agrumes for entree, and for mains, Filet de poisson du marché, bisque de homard, fondue de poireaux, légumes, or Cuisse de canard confit, sauce épices douces, poêlée de légumes et pomme de terre à la graisse de canard.

Wines were served at the diners' expense.

Assiette de fromage, or a dessert of Sablé breton et sa poêlée de fruits de saison flambée avec un cognac aux cerises were offered for those who hadn't eaten enough, for an extra \$18.00.

Without wishing to be negative, I personally was disappointed with the meal, and consequently felt that it was a touch on the pricey side. However, as always, I thoroughly enjoyed the company of my fellow Club members.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the Tricolour Trophy, accepted on behalf of the Peugeot Club, by John Cooney.

Photos by Graham Pilgrim & Kevin Beeby:







Coming Events

Memorial Service for Ralph Moore

A time to celebrate and farewell our fellow Citroen enthusiast.

A service will be held at the **Devonport Yacht Club**, 25 King Edward Parade, Devonport, at **11.00am on Sunday 14 August**. This will be followed by light refreshments and time to share stories.



For those wishing to attend, please contact **Janice**: jgwoolsey@hotmail.com or 021 334 445, to assist in seating and catering arrangements

Club Night

Wednesday 17 August

The VVCC Rooms are still unavailable so the planned Wine & Cheese has been postponed yet again. Instead:

Pub Dinner / AGM

Horse & Trap Tavern, Enfield Street, Mt Eden

Meet 6.30pm in the Functions Room upstairs

Good food, good ambiance, good company. Should be a pleasant, sociable evening and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Whangarei Visit

Saturday / Sunday 20 / 21 August

Saturday: For those going up on the Saturday we suggest booking at The Lodge Bordeaux or Continental Motel. Both have good reviews, and are central.

There will be a dinner organised that evening – register with Kevin Beeby, kevinbeeby2@gmail.com, who will need the numbers, and he will provide you with the details when finalised.

Sunday: Meet at the Museum, 81 Dent Street, in the Town Basin, before 11am.

We are told that the Museum is so popular that it is best to book. We have looked into making a block arrangement for the Club but it seems that there is no provision for group bookings, at least at the weekend. So go on line and make your own individual bookings, for 11am or thereabouts.

HUNDERTWASSER GALLERY

Whangarei Sunday 21 August

Museum shop: 10am - 4pm

Galleries: 10am - 4pm

The Hundertwasser Art Centre's art and nature experience is open seven days a week. Wander through the Hundertwasser Art Centre and discover the exhibitions in the galleries. You'll experience an array of nature throughout the building and on the roof. The museum shop has a beautiful range of goods imported from Europe including Hundertwasser-designed porcelain and authentic prints. There are also handpicked, locally sourced items inspired by nature, art and creativity. Discover a stunning array of art, jewellery, stationery and homeware items as well as books and gift ideas.

Book Tickets <https://www.hundertwasserartcentre.co.nz/plan-your-visit/hours-and-admission/>

Adults: \$21.00

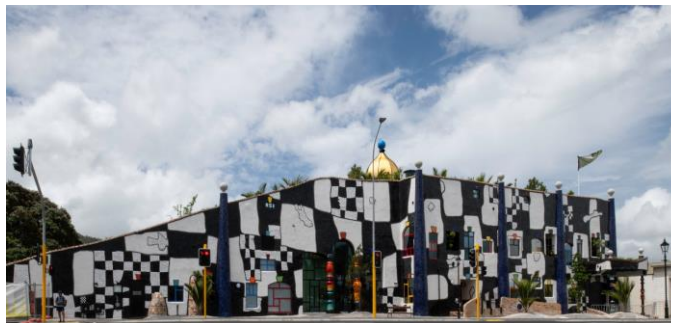
Entry for adults residing outside of the Whangārei District

Whangārei Residents: \$15.00 -*Special price for Whangārei District residents with proof of residency.*

Adult 65+: \$15.00 *Entry for adults over 65 with identification.*

Child: \$10.00

Student: \$15.00



New Members

We welcome the following new member:

Murray Smith
Rotorua

C6

We look forward to seeing you at Club events

Club Library

The following printed newsletters from other car clubs are available to borrow or keep. Just let me know and I will get them to you. Or contact Bill if you would like them by email:

Peugeotex	April, May, June 2022
Bow Tie	June, July, August 2022
Roverdom	March, June, July 2022
ACE WA	May, June, July 2022
Victoria	Dec 2021-Jan 2022, February 2022
Avant Garde (Queensland)	March, July-September 2022
Waikato Chevrons	May, June, July 2022
Taranaki CCC	April, May, June 2022
Cit Bits	December 2021
Citroenesque	June, July, August 2022
Citroenian (UK)	January, February, March 2022

Cheers, **Chris Grove** 09 4837638 or grooveytwo@xtra.co.nz



Display Sign Stake

Stick-in-ground holder for information about your car at display events.

Cost \$12 each.

If you would like to order one for your car, contact Bill at wwh@xtra.co.nz



Andy Lyman has sent in the above picture which he and his wife did during lockdown last year. It's a diamond drill art picture with recycled timber frame.

He comments that it looks pretty cool hanging in the workshop.

Universal Chatter

Ex member and on-again-off-again Citroen owner Mark Farnham is on again with a new C4. Look out for the number plate **CITHOT**.

Three committee members have recently bought hybrids but sadly not Citroens because, although widely available in Europe, the Importers have not seen fit to bring these models to NZ as yet.

The March issue of Top Gear magazine has an extensive article on Citroens through the years.

The March issue of the NZ MTA magazine has reprinted a NZ Autocar road test of a delivery mileage e-C4 imported second hand from the UK by GVI in Auckland for sale here.

Can you help?

I am in Auckland and I came across your site and considered joining as I own a Citroen BX 19GT and was wanting some advice and probably some mechanical work done potentially through one of your members. My hydraulic system has sprung a leak. However your site doesn't seem to have a forum or way to connect with other members online.

Could you possibly put me in touch with someone who could help me diagnose and potentially fix the issue with my car? I am trying to avoid being shafted by the so-called "Euro" mechanic and much prefer the friendlier environment of a club.

Paul Baylis, paulbaylis2@gmail.com, 029 779 9929

I have replied with the names of the repairers who advertise in this magazine, but if anyone believes that they can assist on a more personal basis, please contact Paul. - Bill

9 Jun 2022

CHALLENGING THE NORM: NEW CITROËN ALL-ELECTRIC E-C4 X AND C4 X FUSE FASTBACK ELEGANCE WITH 4-DOOR FINESSE AND A TWIST OF SUV ATTITUDE

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- Only ë-C4 X offers this combination of cross-design, comfort and space with zero-emission all-electric power in the mainstream mid-sized market.
- Up to 360 km (224 miles) WLTP range for New ë-C4X with 100 kW, 136 hp electric powertrain and rapid 100 kW DC charging of 10km/min.
- Ideal for customers seeking unique design with relaxing and spacious passenger experience thanks to outstanding rear knee room, plus capacious 510-litre boot and all-electric power for 24/7 urban access.
- Supreme comfort thanks to exclusive Citroën Advanced Comfort Programme with Advanced Comfort Seats and Citroën Advanced Comfort® suspension.
- Available powertrains (depending on market) include efficient Citroen PureTech petrol and BlueHDi diesel engines for C4 X, plus all-electric ë-C4 X which many European markets will offer exclusively.



Modern Classic: Citroen XM

[NewsModern Classic](#) Jul 29 Written By [Matt Chapman](#)



The Citroen XM was launched in 1989 and retired 11 years later. Photo: Citroen

A quirky classic that still features as one listing on the Trade Me auction website in New Zealand is the Citroen XM, and I still remember when this car was launched in 1989.

The XM was meant to capture more creatively-minded buyers from lower model BMW 5 Series or Mercedes-Benz W124 buyers and perhaps also away from a Saab 9000 or Volvo 740GLE.

The XM was the successor to the long running CX, which was well and truly getting ancient in the mid 1980's.

In the 1970s, [Citroen](#) had major financial difficulties so fellow French brand Peugeot acquired 90 per cent of the company by late 1976.

Once planning was underway for the XM and Peugeot's 605, it was decided to develop a common platform for both models. Citroen's XM would get its trick hydractive hydraulic suspension, the magic carpet ride it was famous for, whilst the 605 would not.

Citroen's Nuccio Bertone was the designer for the XM and its futuristic design was quite out there for 1989. With a drag coefficient of 0.28, it sported links to Citroen's past with its lift back style and single spoke steering wheel. Its narrow headlights and deep glasshouse achieved a wedge shape that stood out. Whether it was attractive, was another question.

Art Blakeslee, Citroen's Design Chief at the time, said, "I believe the XM is a modern and dynamic shape, with unique styling elements such as the very long, low hood, the extensive use of glass and the kick up in the beltline."

Comparatively, the Peugeot 605 was conservative and created by Italian car design firm Pininfarina. It looked very much like an oversized Peugeot 405 of the time, but the styling worked well and some even called it handsome.

The XM's interior was minimalist but high tech for the time including a few quirks like a keypad alarm system that required a PIN number to disengage, while climate control could be fitted as optional. It also had computer controlled suspension to reduce body roll.

The first generation ran from 1989 to 1994 and was sold in hatchback and by 1992, estate form. Initial engines were 2-litre petrol and a 3-litre petrol V6 engine. All models had the trick suspension. The second generation was from 1994 to 2000.

Trading Post

Trading Post ads are free, but because people too often forget to let us know when no longer required, will run for only three issues unless you ask for a repeat.

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Wednesday 17 August, 6.30pm

Pub Dinner / AGM

Horse & Trap Tavern, Enfield Street, Mt Eden

Visit to the Hunderwasser Gallery in Whangarei

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 August – 11am

Roger Herrick / Neil Tolich Shed Visit

Sunday 18 September, Birkenhead

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21 September, 8pm, VVCC Rooms 39 Fairfax Avenue Penrose

Te Aroha Cruise-In

Sunday 1 October. Club Display

Bishop's Shield

Possibly Sunday 16 October – details TBA

Club Night – the much deferred Wine & Cheese

Wednesday 19 October, 8pm, VVCC Rooms, 39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose

Taranaki – West Coast Garden Tour

Sunday 30 October

CCCNZ National Rally, Rangiora, Christchurch

10, 11, 12 March 2023 – start planning now

For more information ask any committee member. (Contact details on inside front cover).

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